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SUBJECT: PAKS ON RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA

1. FOLLOWING UP ON MINSTATE AZIZ AHMED'S JULY 18 STATE-
MENT TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RE GOP'S CONDITIONAL WILLING-
NESS TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIA, FOREIGN MINISTRY
SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JULY 19 THAT AZIZ AHMED HAD SENT
LETTER TO INDIAN FONMIN SWARAN SINGH ON JULY 9 ADVISING
GOI THAT TALKS ON NORMALIZATION COULD BE RESUMED ONCE
NECESSARY "ATMOSPHERE" HAD BEEN CREATED. SPOKESMAN
NOTED THAT GOI HAD EARLIER STATED THAT ITS NUCLEAR
PROGRAM WAS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY AND THAT IT WAS
PREPARED TO DO EVEN MORE TO ALLAY PAK MISGIVINGS ABOUT
PROGRAM. AZIZ AHMED'S LETTER HAS ASKED WHAT SPECIFIC
MOVES GOI HAD IN MIND IN THIS REGARD, SPOKESMAN SAID.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT IS THIRD
PUBLIC REFERENCE IN RECENT DAYS TO GOP WILLINGNESS
RESUME SIMLA PROCESS, PAKS CLEARLY INTEND THEM TO CALM
CRISIS ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY CHARGES AND COUNTER-
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CHARGES OF TROOP MOVEMENTS AS WELL AS SIGNAL TO INDIANS

THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE RESUMED IF GOI WILL PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES RE PEACEFUL INTENT AND NON-USE
OF ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITY TO THREATEN PAKISTAN.
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